



WHEN WALKING

Having a green light, the “WALK” signal or being in a crosswalk does not mean it is safe to cross.

1. Walk on a sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic. Always walk as far from traffic as possible.
2. Look for cars backing up. Look for white backup lights or signs the motor is running.
3. Plan the safest route. The safest routes have less traffic, slower speeds, sidewalks and lighting.
4. Be safe. Be seen. For daytime, wear bright colors. At night, carry a light and wear reflective material.
5. Cross at the corner. Cross at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect to see pedestrians.
6. Stop and look left-right-left. Before crossing the street, pause, then look left-right-then left again. Continue scanning as you cross the street.
7. Walk, don't run across the street. Wait until you are certain it is safe to cross. If a car is parked where you are crossing, look for a driver. Be certain the car is not pulling ahead.
8. Don't dart out! Darting out from between parked cars is dangerous. The driver of an oncoming car can't see you. When crossing multiple lanes of traffic, make sure each lane is clear before you cross.



WHEN BICYCLING

1. Go with the flow of traffic, not against it. Riding the wrong way is a leading cause of bike crashes.
2. Be predictable. Ride in a straight line. Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
3. Stay as far to the right as is safe and reasonable, except when passing, turning left, or to avoid road hazards.
4. Don't block the road. Allow faster traffic to pass.
5. Watch for parked cars. Drivers may pull out suddenly or open a car door in your path.
6. Use lights from dusk to dawn. Front white light, rear flashing light or reflectors.
7. Value your life: Wear a helmet! It's the law for everyone under 18.



“Let's look out for each other, California.”

SHARE THE ROAD

Be courteous to others. Sharing the road is a shared responsibility. Give and get respect. Learn more at: www.chp.ca.gov/bike-and-ped-safety



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Safety Tips for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and Motorists





WHEN DRIVING

Here are some simple traffic safety tips for drivers.

1. Slow down and obey speed limits. It can save a life.
2. Use extra caution when backing up. Look for approaching bicyclists and pedestrians.
3. Before making a turn, be sure the path is clear.
4. Don't drive if you are sleepy.

Share the Road With Bicyclists

1. Give at least 3 feet of space when passing. It's safer and it's the law.
2. If you are not sure you have enough room to pass, don't.
3. Be careful with right and left hooks. When turning, don't turn so close, the bicyclist is in danger of colliding with your vehicle.

4. Share the road. Bicyclists may move to the left lane to turn left, pass another vehicle, or avoid debris or parked cars.
5. Be aware. Bicyclists may give turn signals with their left or right arm; however a bicyclist may not have the time or bike handling skills to signal properly.
6. Anticipate sudden movements by bicyclists. Bicyclists may swerve to avoid an opening car door or other road hazards.
7. Be patient. Bike riders are slower and have the same rights as other slow moving vehicles. Don't tailgate.
8. Be courteous. Don't let an encounter with a badly-behaved bicyclist influence your attitude towards all bicyclists.
9. Look for passing bicyclists before opening your car door, especially next to a bike lane.

Share the Road With Pedestrians

1. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Every corner is a crosswalk, marked or unmarked.
2. Never pass a car stopped for pedestrians. It's against the law and highly dangerous for those crossing the street.



When Driving, Walking or Biking

1. Be predictable. Obey traffic signs and signals.
2. Make eye contact. Never assume others on the road see you. Acknowledge them with a nod or a smile.
3. Don't impair your judgment. For your safety and the safety of others, when you are walking, biking, or driving, avoid alcohol and drugs.
4. Avoid distractions. The call/text/tweet can wait! Don't let your phone or anything else distract you from focusing on the road and those around you.